Central Road Fund Scheme are based on yearly accrual to the State under Central Road Fund, projects already approved and utilization of funds released to the State. The reasons for pendency of the projects are non-receipt of utilization of released funds and limited yearly accrual for State roads under the Central Road Fund.

KVIC in Uttaranchal

698. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units proposed to be set-up and number of people likely to be provided employment during the current Plan period by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission;

(b) whether any target has also been fixed to set-up units in the State of Uttaranchal to provide employment in this State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Government being implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the targets are to set up 1,32,662 units and to generate 25 lakh additional employment opportunities during the current plan period in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During 2004-05, the targets under the REGP is to set up 500 units generating 10,000 jobs in Uttaranchal.

ARIs in Maharashtra

699. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to boost up the grass-root agro-based industries to generate additional income and employment in rural areas, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of the Government programmes under implementation in the country, including Maharashtra, to boost grassroot agro and rural industries and generate additional income and employment are given below:

(1) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP)

This is a credit-linked subsidy (margin money assistance) programme with the following principal features:

(i) Implementing agencies: Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Private Sector Banks approved by the State/Union Territory (UT) Khadi & Village Industries (KVI) Boards and Co-operative Banks, approved by the State/UT KVI Boards.

(ii) Eligible beneficiaries: Individual Entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups, Institutions, Co-operative Societies, Trusts and Public Limited Companies owned by State/Central Government.

(iii) Pattern of financial assistance: The permissible margin money assistance is as detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Category of beneficiary	Project cost	Margin money assistance
1.	General	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	25 per cent of project cost
2.	SC/ST/Women/Ex-serviceman/NE Region/ Hill areas	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	30 per cent of project cost
3.	General	Rs. 10 lakh and Upto Rs. 25 lakh	Rs. 2.5 lakh + 10 per cent of balance project cost.
4.	SC/ST/Women/Ex-serviceman/NE Region/ Hill areas	Rs. 10 lakh and Upto Rs. 25 lakh	Rs. 3 lakh + 10 per cent of balance project cost.

(iv) Employment generation:

(Persons in lakh)

Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
In the country	3.43	3.61	4.71
In Maharashtra	0.32	0.28	0.15

(v) Expenditure on margin money released to the beneficiaries:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
In the country	190.25	193.71	265.75
In Maharashtra	15.38	15.42	8.73

(2) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)

This is also a credit-linked subsidy programme with the following principal features:

(i) Implementing agencies: District Industries Centres (DICs) of the State Governments/UTs and banks.

(ii) Eligible beneficiaries: Educated unemployed youth between the age group of 18 –35 years (upper age limit relaxed upto 45 years for Women, SC/ST; Ex-servicemen and physically handicapped) who have passed 8th standard examination and whose family income is less than Rs. 40,000 per annum are eligible to get loans for all economically viable activities.

(iii) Pattern of financial assistance: Project costing upto Rs. 1 lakh for business sector and upto Rs. 2 lakh in other sectors are eligible for assistance, with the subsidy being limited to 15 per cent of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7,500/-. Eligible persons can join together in a partnership to get assistance for projects upto Rs. 10 lakh. The margin money

contribution from the beneficiary varies from 5 per cent to 16.25 per cent of the project cost so as to make the sum of the Government subsidy and beneficiary's own margin money contribution equal to 20 per cent of the project cost.

(iv) Employment generation.

(*Persons in lakh*)

Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
In the country	2.84	2.84	1.74
In Maharashtra	0.28	0.26	0.24

Approval to revival plan of ECL

700. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival plan of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has been approved by BIFR; and

(b) if so, the details of the same, including relief and concessions from the State Governments, Central Government, total fund and non-fund financial involvement etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) BIFR *vide* its order dated 2nd November, 2004 has sanctioned the draft rehabilitation scheme of Eastern Coalfields Ltd., (March, 2004) in terms of Section 19(3) read with Sec. 18 (4) of the SICA, 1985.

(b) Details of the scheme are as follows:

(i) The scheme envisages enhancement of underground (UG) production by introduction of mass production technology like continuous miner, power support longwall. UG production is expected to go up from the present level of 10 million tonnes to 14.5 million tonnes during 2010-11.